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SUB: COMMUNISTS ANNOUNCE CAPTURE OF QUANG DUC

1. THE PRG HELD A SPECIAL NEWS CONFERENCE DECEMBER 6 TO FORMALLY ANNOUNCE CAPTURE BY THE COMMUNISTS OF KIEN DUC, DISTRICT TOWN ON DEC. 4. PRG SPOKESMAN, COL. GIANG, EMPHASIZED THAT THE PLAF AND NOT THE NVA ACCOMPLISHED THE MISSION WHICH WAS UNDERTAKEN PRIMARILY BECAUSE THE GVN WAS USING KIEN DUC AS A COMMAND HEADQUARTERS FOR ITS "LAND GRABBING" OPERATIONS.

2. COL. GIANG WENT ON TO SAY: "I AM AUTHORIZED TO ANNOUNCE THAT IF THE SAIGON ADMINISTRATION REFUSES TO PUT AN END TO ITS LAND GRABBING OPERATIONS IN THE AREA, TO END ITS PREPARATIONS TO STEP UP LAND GRABBING OPERATIONS AND TO WITHDRAW ITS LAND GRABBING FORCES FROM THE AREA, IT UNDOUBTEDLY WILL NOT ESCAPE HEAVIER PUNISHMENT."

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EM COL. GIANG SAID THERE WAS NO SIGN THAT THE SAIGON ADMINISTRA-

TION'S COMMANDER IN MR II INTENDED TO CEASE "LAND GRABBING" OPERATIONS.

AS A MATTER OF FACT,GIANG ADDED, SOUTH VIETNAMESE FORCES HAD SET
UP THEIR COMMAND HEADQUARTERS IN THE PROVINCE CAPITAL OF GIA NGHIA,
TO CONTINUE THEIR LAND GRABBING TACTICS.

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